

Appl No. 10/060,950  
Amdt. dated Sept. 29, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of March 28, 2003

### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended, and reconsideration of the Office Action mailed March 28, 2003. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 3, 4, 7-13 and 17-33 will be pending in this application.

In the specification, the cross-reference to related applications has been amended to reflect the status of the nonprovisional parent application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 14-16 without prejudice.

Claims 3, 4, 7-13 and 17-23, objected to as dependent on rejected base claims, have been amended to include all limitations of the base claims and intervening claims.

Claims 24-33 have been indicated as allowable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that present amendment places pending claims 3, 4, 7-13 and 17-33 in condition for allowance, and entry and allowance of the same is earnestly requested.

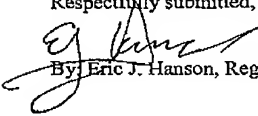
A check in the amount of \$591 is included to cover three (3) additional independent claims (\$126) in excess of three and the accompanying petition for extension of time (3 months) (\$465). If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or the accompanying papers, please charge the fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 040134.004CIP. If an additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The additional extension fee should also be charged to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No.

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